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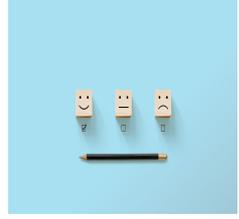
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## Renewal Window Closing Soon



If you have already renewed, read this article no further and go and have a very Merry Christmas! For those who like to live on the edge, this article is for you.

Only days left to renew on-time to avoid a late penalty. The expiration date of **December 31, 2022**, is fast approaching. If you have already obtained your 12 HSW CE hours for 2022, or are otherwise CE exempt, delay no more and

[\*\*RENEW HERE\*\*](#)

For those who truly like to live dangerously and have not yet obtained their 12 HSW CE hours, it's time to hustle. Just get it done and have more time to enjoy your Christmas and New Year's too.

### License Maintenance Schedule 2023

March 31st—Last Day to Renew Late

April 1st —COA Renewal Launches

April 30th —Last Day to Renew COA

November 1st —December 31st—License Renewal Launches

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## BOA Partners with CE Broker



Beginning in 2023, CE Broker will be the official CE tracking system of the Alabama Board of Architects. The Board's goal is to ease the process of reporting CE hours for licensees as well as provide a more efficient audit process with increased compliance. These aspirations led to discovering CE Broker—a CE management system that addresses each of these Board goals. CE Broker is an established company that has been providing CE Management software to many licensing professions nationally. The Board has provided you with a free Basic Account, so you'll have helpful CE tracking tools right at your fingertips.

### Free Access

With a Basic Account, you can access CE Broker's free mobile apps, submit your CE, view your status, and manage your complete Course History anytime, anywhere.

### Upgraded Account Options

Optional upgraded accounts provide a personalized Compliance Transcript and even include your own CE Broker account manager who can find and register you for CE Courses, report completions on your behalf and more.

### Comprehensive Course Search

Easily discover the courses you need to successfully complete for your renewal by browsing a library of CE filtered to your requirements.

### Helpful Support Center

CE Broker's US-based support center is staffed with experts thoroughly trained on the rules and regulations for the Alabama Board of Architects.

**More Information Coming Soon!**

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## Architects In The News



Two Auburn Graduates Become the Youngest Licensed Architects in the United States.

See full story by WSFA [here](#).

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## New ARE Licensees 2022

Timothy Wang, Huntsville, AL	Grant Wright, Birmingham, AL
Mathew V. Costanzo, Birmingham, AL	Jakob McReynolds, Knoxville, TN
Casey L. Tomecek, Orange Beach, AL	Robert V. McCown, Mobile, AL
Audrey H. Roberts, Auburn, AL	Tony D. Coleman, Jr., Dothan, AL
Brandi C. Boutwell, Demopolis, AL	Cody J. Franklin, Birmingham, AL
William M. Wilson, Auburn, AL	Charles D. Herron, Montgomery, AL
Hannah Cornelius, Nashville, TN	Yilong Wang, Bessemer, AL
Micah Martin, Birmingham, AL	Rachel L. Perry, Birmingham, AL
Christopher Murphy, Auburn, AL	Mary-John Blevins, Adamsville, AL
Patrick Swatek, Birmingham, AL	Lisa Dyer, Huntsville, AL
Johnson Tate Lauderdale, Auburn, AL	James H. Miller, Jasper, AL
Dakota A. Lewis, Nashville, TN	

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## Nolanda Hatcher Elected BOA Chair



Nolanda Hatcher, AIA, NCARB, NOMA, our board's newly elected Chairperson, is the co-founder of Studio 2H Design, LLC, an architecture and interior design firm located in Birmingham. Nolanda's interest in architecture began at a young age. "As a child, I loved having an idea and turning that idea into something tangible that others could experience. I remember as a young child, maybe 7 or 8 years old, my dad showing me the plans (blueprints) of he and my mom's dream house with much excitement." Once Nolanda discovered that architects prepared plans to build buildings, she began researching different buildings she liked. By the fifth grade, she was already focusing her school social studies research on Egyptian Architecture. She continued preparing herself in middle school and high school to study Architecture in college by selecting art and mechanical drafting class electives.

When the time came to select an undergraduate degree, the choice was obvious. She applied for early admissions and was accepted to Auburn University. On a chance meeting at a college fair in Montgomery, Alabama, Nolanda met a college recruiter from the University of Notre Dame (ND), Notre Dame, Indiana in South Bend, Indiana. The recruiter informed Nolanda that 3<sup>rd</sup> year students as a class were required to study in Rome, Italy as part of the curriculum. That chance meeting changed Nolanda's life. She decided to apply for admission to ND because of her interest in travel and discovering new places. She reasoned, "If I have to devote 5 years studying architecture in college, I may as well enjoy 1 year living and studying abroad."

After being accepted to Notre Dame and visiting, Nolanda fell in love with the campus and chose to complete her B.S. in Architecture from ND in 1990. After graduation from Notre Dame in 1990, she accepted a position with a well-respected architectural firm in July of 1990, where she worked for several years before pursuing her law degree.

Why law school? As she tells it, "The decision to attend and complete law school after 4 years of professional design experience was a mature decision which has fundamentally shaped my career for the better. As I was growing up, I always thought that designing buildings would be an interesting career. After graduating from architecture school, however, while studying for the architectural registration exam, I became keenly interested in the legal and contractual issues in design and construction. I decided to go to law school because I thought being an attorney with a back-ground in architecture would be something that would distinguish me from my architect peers and allow me to offer a wider range of services to my clients."

In 1997, Ms. Hatcher received her Juris Doctor from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, in Birmingham, a school that U.S. News & World Report ranks in the top 10 for Trial Advocacy. In 2002, she branched out to form NHB Group LLC (her initials at the time were "NHB"), and also started her law firm, Bearden & Associates, LLC. In 2015, Nolanda partnered with Creig Hoskins of Hoskins Architecture, and together they formed Studio 2HDesign, LLC. The firm provides a broad range of architectural services, including building and site design, renovations, interior design, landscape design, building information modeling, master planning, and feasibility studies. "From large-scale, commercial and redevelopment projects to small-scale residential renovations," Nolanda says, "Studio 2H Design has the inspiration and expertise to transform any space to its maximum potential." Nolanda keeps a close eye on developments in the industry. She describes herself as "results-oriented," and her yardstick for success is the satisfaction of her clients. In the course of her career, Nolanda has built a reputation for top-notch customer service and honesty, focusing her energy on the complete satisfaction of her clients as she helps them achieve their design and construction goals.

Nolanda believes that professionals should, "play just as hard as they work." Out of the office, Nolanda's hobbies include traveling, cycling, playing golf and softball, weight training, and experiencing good food with friends and family.

Nolanda's most important and most fulfilling role is mother to her 2 children, James Bearden (31 yrs. old) currently living in Birmingham and 2017 LSU graduate with a degree in Kinesiology and Nickolas Bearden (16 yrs. Old) 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Shorecrest Preparatory School, St. Petersburg, FL.

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## Executive Director Report—Things Are Really Cooking



A few years ago at an NCARB conference, I heard a wise man (CEO Armstrong) give an analogy that perfectly suits where our Board is today. I'm paraphrasing, but it goes something like this, "Do you have a childhood memory of the aroma of cookies baking? Do you remember the enticing smell of vanilla extract in particular. Did you ever want to taste the vanilla and were told you wouldn't like it because it's not good by itself—to be patient until the baking was complete?" Well, that's where we are on many Board projects right now. Good things are in the works, but it has to cook a little longer.

I'm as excited to share the details with you as a kid in a kitchen where Christmas cookies are baking! It won't be much longer. 2023 will be the year these projects will be rolled out. I *can* share with you now how the Board planned the menu, gathered the ingredients, and is currently cooking on all burners.

It started with two words filled with possibility... "What If?". What if we found innovative ways to provide more service with no increase in costs. What if we increased our efficiency resulting in freeing up staff time to focus on the next level of service. What if we streamlined the CE Audit process for the purpose of a swift audit and greater CE Compliance? What if we found ways to expedite and simplify the ARE application process for applicants? What if more graduates chose to stay in Alabama after graduation to practice architecture? What if license portals and more online services were provided to allow greater ease of license maintenance allowing Registered Architects to focus less on Board paperwork and more on architectural services for the ultimate benefit of the people of the State of Alabama?

These are the questions we have been asking and, after much research and review, are finding real solutions. 2023 is going to be the year we step from, "What If?" to "Now Providing". So, stay tuned as projects will be coming to fruition soon. In the meantime, please know your Board is asking the right questions to design an improved future for your licensing program and be a Board that makes a difference. For me, that's even better than freshly baked cookies.



In Service,

Paula Pilgreen  
*Executive Director*

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## Outreach 2022



### Alabama Fire College

May, July, & October —Tuscaloosa

### Region 3 Educators Conference

February 19th—Birmingham

### Code Officials of Alabama Annual Meeting

May 22nd—Orange Beach

### AIA Montgomery—CEU-n-AUG

August 18th—Montgomery

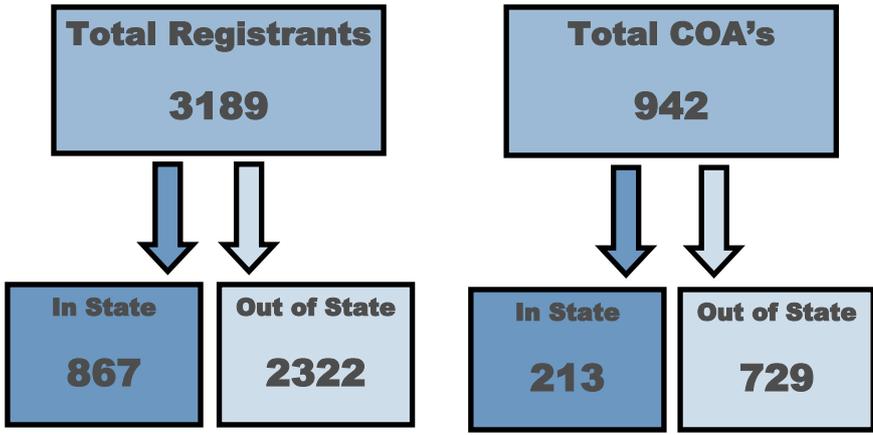
### AIA Annual Convention

October 21st—23rd—Gulf Shores

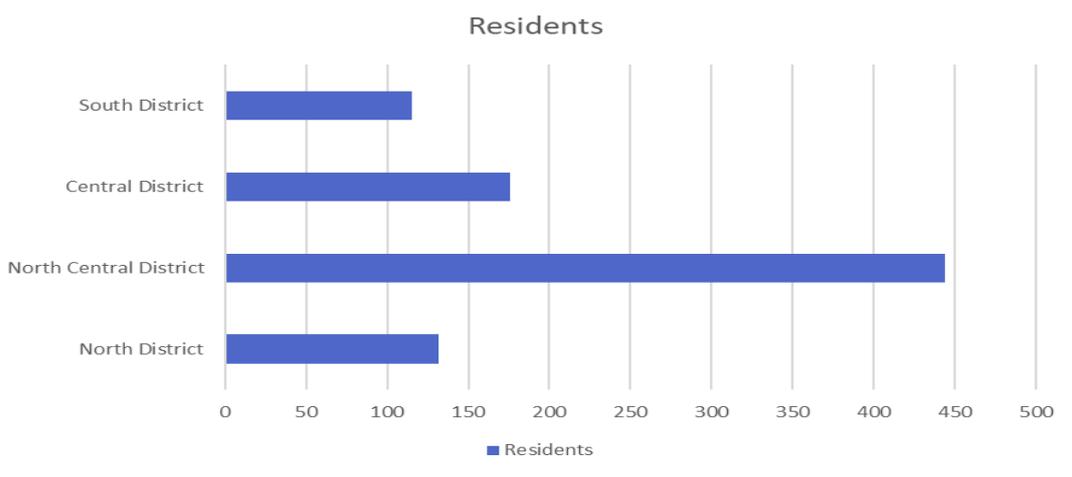
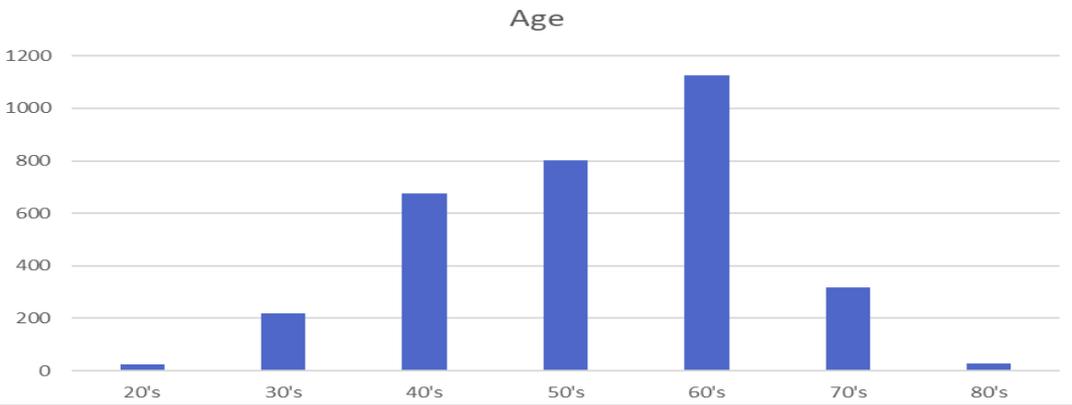
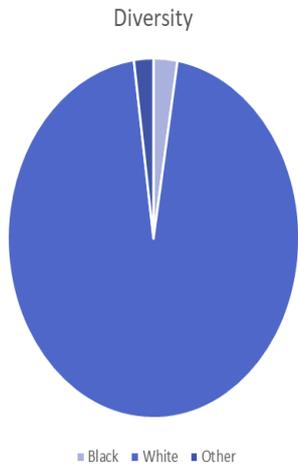
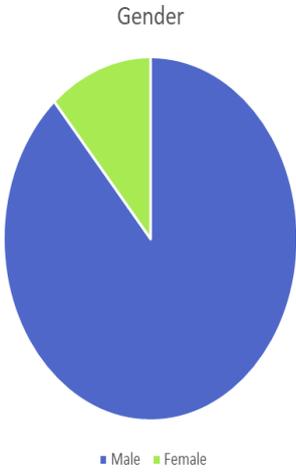
### North Alabama Code Officials Annual Meeting

November—Decatur

## BOA By The Numbers



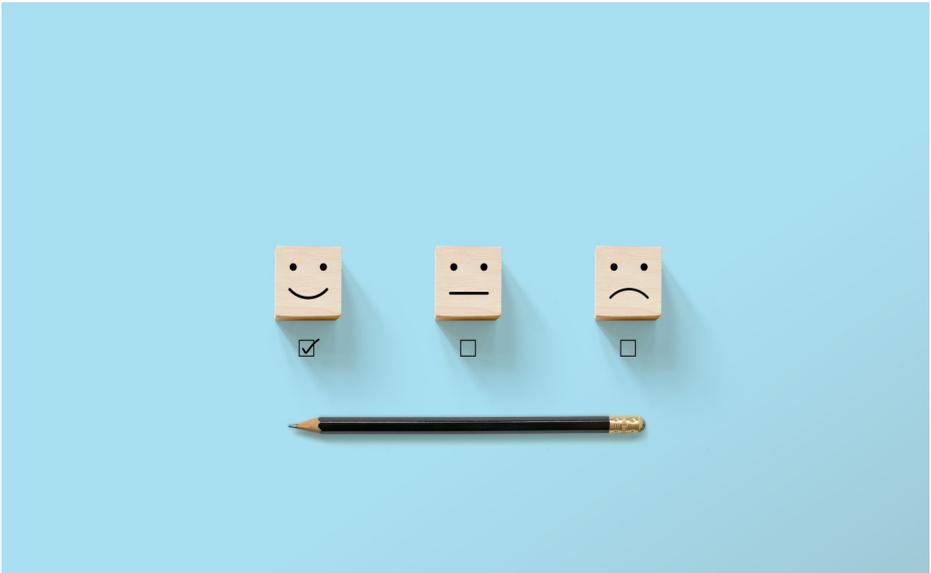
## Registrant Demographics



## Exam Results for Alabama Candidates 2022

<b>Total 5.0 ARE Divisions Passed</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>Total 5.0 ARE Divisions Failed</b>	<b>77</b>
Project Planning & Design	23	Project Planning & Design	13
Programming & Analysis	12	Programming & Analysis	12
Project Development & Documentation	17	Project Development & Documentation	11
Project Management	17	Project Management	8
Practice Management	21	Practice Management	21
Construction & Evaluation	13	Construction & Evaluation	12

## And The Survey Says!



Right on schedule (every four years), the Board was audited this year for the purpose of Sunset Review. This is a Joint Legislative Committee of the Alabama Legislature whose purpose is to analyze the effectiveness and need for Licensure Boards in Alabama. This is a rigorous and truly extensive audit. We are happy to report that this audit reflected no findings and the Sunset Review Committee unanimously voted to continue the Board for another four years. This audit included an anonymous survey consisting of standard questions conducted by the Examiners of Public Accounts by random sample. Although only 20% surveyed responded, the results provide a good snap shot of the general satisfaction with the Board on fundamental Board issues. And the survey says...

Do you think regulation of your profession by the Board of Architects is necessary to protect the public welfare?

**Yes 100%**

Do you think any of the Board's laws, rules, and policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of your profession?

**Yes 5%**

**No 82%**

**No Opinion 9%**

Do you think any of the Board's requirements are irrelevant to the competent practice of your profession?

**Yes 2%**

**No 82%**

**No Opinion 9%**

Are you adequately informed by the Board of changes to and interpretations of the Board's positions, policies, rules, and law?

**Yes 82%**

**No 9%**

**No Opinion 9%**

Did the Board perform your license renewal in a timely manner?

**Yes 100%**

Are you satisfied with your dealings with the Board?

**Yes 100%**

Do you consider continuing education necessary for the competent practice of your profession?

**Yes 73%**

**No 23%**

**No Opinion 4%**

Do you think the Board and its staff are satisfactorily performing their duties?

**Yes 82%**

**No Opinion 18%**

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## Disciplinary Actions



*Penalties for violations of the Board of Architects License Law and Rules vary depending upon the particular facts and circumstances present in each case. Disciplinary Actions are also posted at [www.boa.alabama.gov](http://www.boa.alabama.gov) and reported to NCARB upon conclusion.*

**Name: Karrie Maurin License Number: 7646**

**Date:** 01/18/2022

**Violation:** Admin. Code 100-X-3-.06; 100-X-3-.07– Non-compliance with CE Requirements following random selection for CE Audit.

**Disposition:** Fined \$900

**Name: Bradley D. Shelton License Number: 8889**

**Date:** 01/18/2022

**Violation:** §34-2-34 (3) (d) - Non-Disclosure of Disciplinary Action

**Disposition:** Fined \$750

**Name: David Milstead License Number: 2556**

**Date:** 05/10/2022

**Violation:** Admin. Code 100-X-4-.12—Architect Performing Engineering

**Disposition:** Fined \$2,000

**Name: Rick Emswiler License Number: 8911**

**Date:** 05/10/2022

**Violation:** §34-2-34 (3) (d) - Non-Disclosure of Disciplinary

**Disposition:** Fined \$750

**Name: Donald Dixon License Number: N/A**

**Date:** 05/10/2022

**Violation:** §34-2-34 (3) (d) - Non-Disclosure of Disciplinary Action

**Disposition:** Fined \$750

**Name: Paul C. Steelman License Number:**

**Date:** 05/10/2022

**Violation:** Admin. Code 100-X-2-.06—Non-Disclosure of Disciplinary Action

**Disposition:** Fined \$750

**Name: James Patrick Estes License Number: 5990**

**Date:** 08/09/2022

**Violation:** §34-2-30 (4); Admin. Code 100-X-4-.13 (1) (a) Disclosed operating in Alabama prior to obtaining licensure.

**Disposition:** Fined \$500

**Name: James D. Looney License Number: 8324**

**Date:** 08/09/2022

**Violation:** §34-2-34 (3) (d) - Non-Disclosure of Disciplinary Action

**Disposition:** Fined \$750

**Name: Gary Kliesch License Number: 9035**

**Date:** 10/21/2022

**Violation:** §34-2-34 (3) (d) - Non-Disclosure of Disciplinary Action

**Disposition:** Fined \$1,500

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**Quotable Quote**

**“We shape our buildings  
and afterwards our  
buildings shape us.”**

**Winston Churchill**



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